

Attend Church Regularly

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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

A Pause for Prayer

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone." 1st Timothy 2:16-5 NLT.

They're called the winds of war. In recent months, they have been zephyrs — rustling breezes with the warning stench of death.

No matter your country of origin, if you are a Christian, your ultimate allegiance is to a higher call and a transcendent Kingdom. This Kingdom does not know racial, ethnic, cultural, gender, or language boundaries. As children of God, we share our Father's concern and want all people to be saved by coming to Christ Jesus who gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. So as we hear the rumble of the War Winds, let's take a prayerful pause.

In that prayerful pause, let's first give thanks. Let's give thanks for our personal blessings and freedoms. Let's give thanks for the age in which we live. Let's give thanks for those we love and hold dear. Let's give thanks for an unshakable Kingdom that is our security and hope in a world that is subject to death and decay. Let's give thanks for a loving God who loves us with an everlasting and inexhaustible love and will bring us into his presence in glory with great joy.

Next, let's plead for God's mercy on those who do not know him or who live in rebellion to him. Some of these people are close to us — they are in our family, or in the family of those we know well and love deeply. Some of these people are not so close to us — they are in our family, or in the family of those we know well and love deeply. Some of these people are not so close to us — they perceive us as their enemies and would like to see our destruction. Let's ask for God's mercy to be upon them and our Father's presence to be real to them.

Next, let's pray for our world rulers so that peace and quietness will carry the day and not the

winds of war. Yes, we know that war must sometimes happen to prevent an even greater horror. We do not want to be naively complicit in another holocaust, nor do we want to sit idly by while tyrants plan the demise of innocent people or try to block the path of their people to religious freedom. But, God asks us to pray for peace and quietness so that his cause and his people can be known for their godliness and dignity.

Please dedicate yourself to prayer this week. Let's join together, hearts and prayers linked around the world, and let's ask that war can be averted and a solution can be found to ease the tension and remove the threat of mass destruction.

As the velocity of the approaching winds mount, let's pray that they can be stilled, that lives can be spared, that families can be reunited, and that peace will open up a highway for those that bring the good news of Jesus to those trapped in darkness, hatred, and unbelief. Read and remember Luke 8:22-25 which reminds us that Jesus has the power to stop the winds.

In Times of Need



Once a necessity, the little outbuilding stands only as a reminder of times past when "visitors" came and went, even in the middle of the night, in all kinds of weather. There are few locations in our country today where these little houses of necessity serve a real purpose, replaced by modern plumbing, bubbling tubs, and even heated floors.

Yet, there are some necessities that can never be replaced or improved upon, except by consistent practice and attention. They are not tangible, but of the heart and the spirit.

Prayer is as necessary in our lives today as it was more than a thousand years ago. The psalmist David said, "I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope." (Psalm 130:5) When we go to God in prayer, we must slow down and wait for Him to speak to us. In our hurried lives, we still must take time to listen for God's ever-present guidance. Our Heavenly Father never changes in His love for His children.

As we give attention to prayer, and also practice weekly worship, we take God with us through the week, so he becomes our unchanging source of comfort and consolation. Won't you put your faith in the unchangeable? Won't you put your faith in God?

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SUNDAY
Deuteronomy
8:1-9

MONDAY
Deuteronomy
8:10-20

TUESDAY
Psalm 78:1-16

WEDNESDAY
Psalm 78:17-31

THURSDAY
Psalm 78:32-55

FRIDAY
Psalm 78:56-72

SATURDAY
Luke 7:1-17

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWS VOLUNTEERS

Family and neighbors have been helping Kenneth Price get ready for his sale. Marlene, Ron Wolf and family spent April 9, with Kenneth and Pansy to help get ready for the garage sale Pansy and the grandchildren are having during the public auction which will be held on May 1.

April 18, visitors at the Methodist Church were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weets, Rapid City, S.D. Mrs. Weets is the former Phillene Hanson. They have been looking after some farm cleanup while here.

It was good to see Glenn Alexander about town. He arrived April 16, and plans to stay the summer.

We hear by "the grapevine" that Dee Magers is improving.

Joshua Jackson, a junior at Bethany College in Lindsborg, participated in the Messiah Festival Honors Recital on April 15. He is the son of Dwayne and Aurelia Jackson.

George Brush and Doug Dempewolf took Luke Bailey out turkey hunting on Saturday. George called in a nice turkey for Luke. It was his first, and weighed about 25 pounds, and had a long beard.

Congratulations to Anthony Marshall for being undefeated champion in speech competition for humorous solo in northwest Kansas. He received first place at every speech tournament he attended this year, as well as being the Northwest Kansas League champion in this event. Congratulations also to Andrea Marshall, who received second place in her informative speech at the Quinter speech tournament. The speech team heads to state competition on May 1.

The city library is looking for a club to help with the summer reading program. We need help with cookies, ice cream and Kool-Aid. If interested, please contact Chris at 693-4461.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Leta Strevey, Gary Anthony, Forrest Jackson - April 23; Greg Sumner - April 24; Yvonne Sumner - April 25; Gerald Jackson, Les and Lynn Ward - April 26; Goldie Brewer - April 27.

A belated surprise 70th birthday party for Jerry Temple was hosted by her daughters, Marcy Wyrens, Suzanne Cahoj, Lisa Rhodes, and Tracey Hartzog on April 17 at the home of Ron and Jerry Temple. Other guests included Ric Wyrens, Ceresco, Neb.; Seth Pearsoll, Lincoln, Neb.; Simone and Marcus Cahoj, Atwood; Jerry Rhodes, Norcat; Corey, Ryan and Noah Grace, Wamego; Jessica and Caden Rhodes, Colby; Megan Rhodes, Hays, and Ron Temple, Norcat.

Ivah Alexander celebrated her

95th birthday April 18. Her niece and husband, Marylin and Jay Locy, and cousins Jean and Bernie Wanner, Topeka, came to the Good Samaritan Center to eat dinner with her. Everyone had a good visit, and a very good meal with cake and strawberries afterward.

Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., came to annoy—or visit—her folks, Frank and Velda Ward. As usual, cards were a-flying. Wava took her folks, Frank and Velda Ward, and brother and sister-in-law, Leslie and Lynn Ward, out to eat to celebrate their anniversaries. Kaley Ward, Colby, joined them.

Lynn and Leslie Ward fixed supper and brought it to Frank and Velda Ward's Monday, April 19. Wava Reames was a guest.

Max and Norma Ward entertained Frank and Velda Ward on their anniversary by taking them out for dinner.

There were 16 in attendance at Senior Citizens April 16. Winners were Juanita Eckhart, Twila Henry, and Beth Johnson. The next meeting will be Friday, April 30, and will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m., with cards at 7 p.m.

Vera Bishop and Minnie Ruth Bailey stopped by Oran Milners Friday afternoon, April 16, on their way to Norton. Verawas to spend a few days in Norton visiting Minnie Ruth, then return to Denver the first of the following week.

Esther Miller went to Oberlin for an Easter family dinner at Gary and Annette Miller's home.

Monday Bridge Club met recently with Esther Miller, and guests were Phylis Lohoefer and Cynthia Matson of Oberlin. Prizes were won by Esther Miller, Cynthia Matson and Marty Munson.

Steve Miller, Hays, took Grandmother Esther to the recent Prairie Land Dinner and meeting.

Marvin and Millie Matchett are the proud grandparents of Madison Elizabeth Fick, born April 5. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Her parents are Mandi and Jonathon Fick of Oberlin.

The third Annual Decatur County Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) will be held June 18-19. We are trying to get teams together to walk. Also, we are selling luminaries, which are \$10, and can be purchased in memory or in honor of someone. Contact person is Chris Dempewolf.

A pheasant lawn ornament was recently purchased for the park in memory of Ted Day, and is located in the flowerbed by the gazebo.

Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf and Canaan Bishop went to Hays on Sunday. They visited with Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton, Lynn Streit and Laci Leichter. Bryce, who is 3, counted to 10 in Spanish for everyone.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

It was beautiful, but frosty Easter morning Sunday for Sunrise Services and breakfast! There were 35 people who attended breakfast. The Lyle ladies did a wonderful job!

Mrs. "Toots" Magers and Mrs. Kathy Van Meter went to Quinter and had Easter lunch at Mrs. Magers' daughters home, Judy and Charlie Easton. Also attending was J.T. and Denise Guy and their four children, of Abilene, and Charlie's son, Charlie II, of Hoxie.

Mrs. Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Woods and June Jolly attended the Prairieland Electric luncheon in Norton on Tuesday.

Kathy Van Meter went to WaKeeney on Wednesday and stayed overnight with friends, Leroy and Luella Pierce and on Thursday they drove to Salina for the Senior Fun Day! While there, they were entertained, played carnival games and danced. Fun was had by all. Afterwards they had supper and came back home.

Sunday Veda Wood attended services and breakfast at Lyle. Later in the day she helped with moving Dwight Wood and Theresa Reeves to McCook. Along to help was Carol Moye, Sandra and Larry McNames, Fred Molzhan, Telia Bader and kids.

Ernest and Donna Huff attended the Jehovah Witness conference

Sunday in Hastings, Neb., which had a very good turnout of 1,000 people.

Mrs. June Jolly attended Easter dinner at the Dean Jolly home. Guests were Linda and Dennis McFarland, Louis and Laveda McFarland, Kim Jolly, Sara, Darren, Jennifer and kids, Paul, Butch and Barbara Jolly and Rhonda's family.

Monday night, June and Barbara Jolly played pitch at the Eagles in McCook.

Easter dinner guests at LaVerne and Colleen Rippe's were: Mrs. Marguerite Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Rippe and Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rippe and Alyssa; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis May and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rippe. There they had a traditional egg toss and the winners were, Kelvin and Craig May.

Last week Yvonne Sumner went to Wichita and picked up some of the South Africans, Eben Oliver and Paul Vanvuuren, that will be working for them again this year.

Easter weekend guests at Greg and Yvonne Sumners were: Michelle Sumner, Amy, Andrew and Gracie Mae Archer. Sunday guests for Easter lunch were: Todd and Deanna Sumner, Brooke and Brady; Amy, Andrew and Gracie Mae Archer; Michelle Sumner; Eben Oliver and Paul Vanvuuren.